GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public Servants – CT Department - Surprise Check conducted over the Integrated Check Post, Purushothtapuram, Itchapuram Mandal, Srikakulam District on 09.01.2017 – Certain irregularities noticed – Common Disciplinary Proceedings initiated – Articles of charges against Smt. D.Usha Kumari, Head Clerk, Integrated Check Post, Purushottapuram, Itchapuram Mandal, Srikakulam District under Rule 20 of Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Classification Control and Appeal) Rules, 1991 – Orders – Issued.

REVENUE (VIGILANCE-II) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt.No.390 **Dated:26.05.2022**

Read:-

G.O.Ms.No.407, Revenue (Vig.II) Dept, dated:26.05.2022.

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O R D E R :

In pursuance of the sanction accorded by the Government under sub-clause (i) of clause (b) of sub-rule (2) of Rule 9 of the A.P. Revised Pension Rules, 1980 for instituting departmental proceedings against Smt. D.Usha Kumari, Head Clerk, Integrated Check Post, Purushottapuram, Itchapuram Mandal, Srikakulam District (now Retd), vide G.O. read above, it is proposed to hold an enquiry against Smt. D.Usha Kumari, Head Clerk, Integrated Check Post, Purushottapuram, Itchapuram Mandal, Srikakulam District (now Retd.), in accordance with the procedure laid down in Rule 20 of Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (classification, control and Appeal) Rules.

2. The substance of the imputations of misconduct or misbehavior in respect of which the inquiry is proposed to be held is set out in the enclosed statement of articles of charge (Annexure-I) and the imputations of misconduct or misbehavior in support of each article of charge is enclosed (Annexure-II). A list of documents by which and a list of witnesses by whom the articles of charge are proposed to be sustained are also enclosed (Annexure-III & IV).

3. Smt. D.Usha Kumari, Head Clerk, Integrated Check Post, Purushottapuram, Itchapuram Mandal, Srikakulam District is directed to submit her written statement of defense, within seven days of the receipt of this order.

4. She is informed that an inquiry will be held only in respect of those articles of charge as are not admitted. She should, therefore, specifically admit or deny each article of charge.

5. Smt. D.Usha Kumari, Head Clerk, Integrated Check Post, Purushottapuram, Itchapuram Mandal, Srikakulam District is further informed that if she does not submit this written statement of defense on or before the date specified in para 3 above, or otherwise fails or refuses to comply with the provisions of Rule 20 of the Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Classification, Control and Appeal) Rules, 1991 or the orders /directions issued in pursuance of the said rules the Inquiring Authority may hold the inquiry against her ex-parte.

6. Attention of Smt. D.Usha Kumari, Head Clerk, Integrated Check Post, Purushottapuram, Itchapuram Mandal, Srikakulam District is invited to Rule 24 of the Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964 under which no Government servant shall bring or attempt to bring any political or outside influence to bear upon any superior authority to further her interests in respect of matters pertaining to her service under Government. If any representation is received on her behalf from another person in respect of any matter dealt with in these proceedings, it will be presumed that she is aware of such a representation and that it has been made a this instance and action will be taken against her for violation of Rule 24 of the Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964.

(P.T.O)

7. The receipt of this order may be acknowledged.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

N.GULZAR
SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT (CT)

To
Smt. D.Usha Kumari, Head Clerk, Integrated Check Post, Purushottapuram, Itchapuram Mandal, Srikakulam District (w.e, Annexures-I to IV) **through** the Chief Commissioner of State Tax, AP, Vijayawada (with a request to serve the order on the individual and send the served copy with dated signature to Government).

Copy to
The Director General, Anti Corruption Bureau, Pandit Nehru Bus Station, NTR Administration Block, 2nd Floor, Andhra Pradesh, Vijayawada.
The Chief Commissioner of State Tax, Andhra Pradesh, Eedupugallu, Vijayawada.
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ANNEXURE-I

STATEMENT OF ARTICLES OF CHARGES FRAMED AGAINST SMT. DANDI USHA KUMARI, HEAD CLERK, O/o ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER, INTEGRATED CHECK POST, PURUSHOTTAPURAM, ICHAPURAM IN SC.NO.1/SC-ACB/SKL/2017 OF ACB, SRIKAKULAM RANGE.

Smt. Dandi Usha Kumari, Head Clerk previously worked at the O/o integrated check Post, Purushottapuram, Ichapuram, Srikakulam District on the date of surprise check. She joined as Attender in the O/o CTO, Parvathipuram on 01.04.1980 and later got promotion as record assistant on 01.08.1986 and then got promotion as Junior Assistant on 13.04.1992 and that to Senior Assistant on 8.12.2010 and on subsequent postings, she was transferred and posted as Senior assistant (Head Clerk) to the O/o Administrative Office, Integrated Check post, Purushottapuram, Itchapuram, Srikakulam District and she is working as such from 18.05.2016 to the date of surprise check and while working as head clerk at integrated check post on the date of surprise check, she committed the following grave mis-conduct in as much as..

CHARGE :-

That Sri Dandi Usha Kumari, head clerk, Integrated check Post, Purushottapuram, Ichapuram, Srikakulam District did not turn up for duty during the surprise check. She was supposed to attend for duty at 10 AM but did not turn up upto 2 PM on 09.01.2017.

Thus the Govt. Servant by her above mentioned act has exhibited lack of integrity, devotion to duty and conduct unbecoming of a Govt. Servant and thereby violated Rule 4(1) and contravened Rule 3(1) & (2) of APCS (Conduct) Rules, 1964.

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ANNEXURE-II

STATEMENT OF IMPUTATIONS OF MISCONDUCT IN SUPPORT OF THE ARTICLE OF CHARGES FRAMED AGAINST SMT DANDI USHA KUMARI, HEAD CLERK, O/o ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER, INTEGRATED CHECK POST, PURUSHOTTAPURAM, ICHAPURAM IN SC.NO.1/SC-ACB/SKL/2017 OF ACB, SRIKAKULAM RANGE.

Sri Dandi Usha Kumari, head clerk previously worked at the O/o integrated check Post, Purushottapuram, Ichapuram, Srikakulam District on the date of surprise check. Her date of birth is on 01.01.1962. She joined as Attender in the O/o CTO, Parvathipuram on 01.04.1980 and later got promotion as record assistant on 01.08.1986 and then got promotion as Junior Assistant on 13.04.1992 and that to Senior Assistant on 8.12.2010 and on subsequent postings, she was transferred and posted as Senior assistant (Head Clerk) to the O/o Administrative Office, Integrated Check post, Purushottapuram, Itchapuram, Srikakulam District and she is working as such from 18.05.2016 to the date of surprise check. She is drawing basic pay of Rs.44,870/- and she is attaining superannuation on 31.12.2021 and while working as head clerk at integrated check post on the date of surprise check, she committed the following grave mis-conduct in as much as. (She is here-in-after called as Government Servant).

CHARGE :-

That Sri Dandi Usha Kumari, head clerk, Integrated check Post, Purushottapuram, Itchapuram, Srikakulam District did not turn up for duty during the surprise check. She was supposed to attend for duty at 10 AM but did not turn up upto 2 PM on 09.01.2017.

FACTS AND EVIDENCE:-

On credible information that the employees of Integrated Check Post, Purushottapuram, Ichapuram, Srikakulam District were indulging in corrupt practices habitually by collecting illegal gratification directly and also through private persons by abusing their official position, from the crew of goods vehicles, passing through the check post, without conducting physical verification of the vehicles, connected records of the goods being transported in the vehicles and thereby gaining pecuniary advantage for themselves and causing pecuniary loss to the Govt. exchequer, the officials of the ACB, Srikakulam Range conducted a surprise check on the integrated check post, Purushottapuram, Itchapuram, Srikakulam on 09.01.2017 from 04.30 AM to 02.00 PM in the presence of the official mediators.

During the proceedings, on the instructions of the DSP, ACB the ACTO Sri M.V. Satyanarayana produced the duty charts of all the departments of integrated check post for the month of January, 2017 and as per the duty chart Smt. D.Usha Kumari, Head Clerk did not turn up for duty during the surprise check. She was supposed to attend for duty at 10 AM but did not turn up upto 2 PM on 09.01.2017. During the proceedings, DSP, ACB seized the duty register maintained from 01.01.2017 to 08.01.2017 written upto page No.29 and attendance register duly obtaining the signatures of the mediators.

The evidence on record is sufficient to prove that the Government servant was absent from duty at the time of surprise check without any leave or prior permission from the in-charge of the integrated check post.

Thus the Govt. Servant by her above mentioned acts has exhibited lack of integrity, devotion to duty and conduct unbecoming of a Govt. Servant and thereby violated Rule 4(1) and contravened Rule 3(1) & (2) of APCS (Conduct) Rules, 1964.

The Government Servant has therefore rendered herself liable for regular departmental action for minor penalty.

Hence the charge.

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ANNEXURE-III

LIST OF DOCUMENTS BY WHICH THE ARTICLES OF CHARGE FRAMED AGAINST SMT DANDI USHA KUMARI, HEAD CLERK, O/o ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER, INTEGRATED CHECK POST, PURUSHOTTAPURAM, ICHAPURAM, SRIKAKULAM DISTRICT IN SC.NO.01/SC-ACB/SKL/2017 OF ACB, SRIKAKULAM RANGE ARE PROPOSED TO BE SUSTAINED.

1	Original mediators report dated on 09.01.2017 from 4.30 AM to 02.00 PM drafted at ICP, Purushottapuram, Itchapuram.
2	Attendances register.
3	Duty chart of the employees of integrated check post for the month of January, 2017
4	Duty Register maintained from 01.01.2017 to 08.01.2017 of integrated check post.
5	Any other document as necessary will be produced later.

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ANNEXURE-IV

LIST OF WITNESSES BY WHOM THE ARTICLES OF CHARGE FRAMED AGAINST SMT DANDI USHA KUMARI, HEAD CLERK, O/o ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER, INTEGRATED CHECK POST, PURUSHOTTAPURAM, ICHAPURAM, SRIKAKULAM DISTRICT IN SC.NO.01/SC-ACB/SKL/2017 OF ACB, SRIKAKULAM RANGE ARE PROPOSED TO BE SUSTAINED.

1	Sri Mulaga Muralidhara Rao, S/o Narasinga Rao, age 49 years, Dy. District Extension and Media Officer, O/o the Dist. Medical & Health Officer, Srikakulam. R/o Plot No. 214, Jai Santhoshimatha Nilayam, Khalighat Colony, Cantonment, Vizianagaram. Phone: 9440512447.
2	Sri Vishnubhatla Venugopala Rao, S/o late Sanyasi Naidu, age 40 years, Typist, O/o District Medical & Health Officer, Srikakulam. R/o Chinnapondara Street, 1st Ward, Balaga, Srikakulam. Phone: 9059892562.
3	Sri Pappu Srinivaasa Rao, S/o P.B.Kalidas, 52 Yrs, Asst Executive Engineer, Section—I of R&B special Sub Division, Srikakulam, R/o door No 45-58-5/14(1), Narasimhanagar, Visakhapatnam.
4	Sri Munasa Suresh Kumar S/o Pyda Rao, 30 Yrs, Senior Asst, O/o Dy.Exe. Engineer, R&B Sub Division, Palakonda R/o Door No 20-94-10, Town Kotha Road, Visakhapatnam.
5	Sri M.V.Satyanarayana, ACTO, integrated check post, Purushottapuram, Itchapuram
6	Sri K.Rajendra Rao, Deputy Superintendent of Police, ACB, Srikakulam Range.
7	Sri P.Srinivas Rao, Inspector of police, ACB, Srikakulam Range.

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